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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT	APPLICATION	OF:

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FOR: Water Agitation System for Water

Retention Structure

ART UNIT: 3644

EXAMINER: Zerr, John W.

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed March 4, 2004, and allowing one month for a response. This response is timely because it is being filed within the period set for response.

ELECTION

The Examiner indicated that the Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The species are listed as:

- 1) Species A as embodied by Figure 3;
- 2) Species B as embodied by Figure 11;
- 3) Species C as embodied by Figure 12;
- 4) Species D as embodied by Figure 13;
- 5) Species E as embodied by Figure 14;
- 6) Species F as embodied by Figure 15; and
- 7) Species G as embodied by Figure 17.

The Applicants elect the species of Species A as embodied by Figure 3. The Applicants submit that claims 1-12, 14-25, and 27-34 read on the Species A.

Respectfully submitted,

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